

TOLD BRIEFLY

THE NEWS OF SEVEN DAYS IN ALL LANDS

Peace Notes

The question whether countries shall be allowed to control and dispose at will of their natural resources is the subject of a sharp conflict in a committee of the League of Nations. The contest arose over a resolution by Gustave Ador of Switzerland, setting up a permanent economic and financial commission, one of the duties of which would be to examine measures for preventing monopolies in raw materials and the means of controlling their distribution.

While leaders have every confidence of ultimate success, in that a better healing of war wounds will permit the League of Nations to function with greater assurance, two weeks' work by the league in its present session, makes it apparent that the world is not yet ready to attempt to solve its most serious problems.

The committee presided over by Leon Burgeois, which has been considering the international court of justice session has virtually completed its work, arriving at the decision that the plan prepared at the Hague by Elihu Root and other jurists shall stand as amended by the League of Nations council at Brussels.

The League of Nations by appealing officially to the United States, as a great disinterested nation, to intervene in the Armenian problem, has accepted at least temporarily, the American decision not to enter the league at its face value. A request that America accept the mandate for Armenia, it was recognized, would be without result.

The first League of Nations army will number eighteen hundred men, the league council having refused to extend the scope of policing operations.

There will be no amendments to the covenant of the League of Nations at this session of the assembly if the decision of committee No. 1—that of general organization—which has been considering amendments is approved in full session.

The League of Nations committee on the international court decided to send a letter of thanks and congratulations to Elihu Root and other delegates of the Hague conference. This is as far as they have got in their work.

Washington

Because farmers' co-operative organizations are exempt from application of anti-trust laws, the department of justice has given no consideration to the campaign for the withholding of crops from the markets until prices advance, it was said recently in Washington.

Abolition of the department of the interior, creation of two new departments—one to be known as the department of public works and the other as the department of public welfare—and general reorganization of other governmental departments is proposed in a bill prepared by Senator McCormick, Republican of Illinois.

President Wilson suddenly has brought the oil dispute with Great Britain to a head by calling upon London to back down from its attitude of disregarding the United States in shaping the terms of the British mandate to govern Mesopotamia and Palestine.

Members of the house committee on appropriations, who are already in Washington preparing for work on government supply bills at the coming session of congress, are amazed and astounded at the government estimates of expenditures to be submitted to them officially when congress reconvenes.

President Wilson is very eager to go before congress in December to read his message. The President is convinced he is physically able to do so, and, it is understood, has been reading aloud in preparation for the effort which he now hopes his physicians will permit him to make.

Domestic

Representative Good of Iowa, chairman of the house appropriations committee, does not believe that budget legislation under any circumstances should be permitted to go over until the new congress comes in next year. Enactment of the budget law in advance of President-elect Harding's inauguration is, in his opinion vitally necessary.

Up to November 1 the effect of the downward movement in the high cost of living was to move the clock back just one year. Wholesale commodity prices—they are a more reliable barometer than retail prices because less jumpy—for October, 1920, were just about on the same general level as in October, 1919.

The formation of corporations under the Edge law to finance the development of foreign trade was advocated by the board of governors of the Farm Mortgage Bankers' Association of America which recently concluded its meeting in Chicago.

Eugene Kelly, manager of the Sioux City Tribune, his wife, four children and four physicians were overcome by heating gas escaping from a defective water heater in the Kelly home there recently. All were unconscious, Mr. Kelly for two hours, all are expected to recover.

The driver of a motor vehicle owes a duty to the public to keep a lookout for pedestrians, not only at street intersections, but between crossings, the Alabama supreme court held recently in rendering a decision.

The usual quiet observance of New York's Thanksgiving day was violently interrupted shortly after noon when crowds who had attended a high requiem mass in memory of Terence MasSweeney, former lord mayor of Cork, rioted at the sight of a British flag decorating the facade of the Union Club across Fifth avenue from St. Patrick's cathedral.

Southwest

A spectacular drop of five thousand feet from the wings of an airplane in a parachute was the feat performed recently at Post field, Ok., by Sergt Ancil Chambers of the 135th observation squadron. A large crowd witnessed the drop through the air.

Kelth Collins, said by federal authorities to be wanted in connection with the robbery of a mail car near Council Bluffs, Ia., two weeks ago, the greatest mail train robbery in history, has been arrested in the home of his uncle, E. Payne, one mile west of Westville, Ok.

Jake L. Hamon, Republican national committeeman of Oklahoma, multi-millionaire oil man and railroad magnate, died at 8:15 o'clock the other morning in an Ardmore sanitarium from the effects of a bullet wound charged to have been inflicted by Clara Smith Hamon.

F. Alfonso Pesqueira, brother of Roberto V. Pesqueira, confidential agent of the Mexican government at Washington, has been suspended as Mexican consul at Douglas because he refused to accept an order from the City of Mexico to issue the passport of Senator A. B. Fall of New Mexico.

There's a badly beragled old hawk of the tribe of Jay roosting on the gate of Rollins field. Vainly he is struggling to summon up courage for the long trip back to the valley of the Kaw. That 16 to 7 wallop at the hands of the old Missouri tiger was too much.

Foreign

A new Spanish ministry, selected from the Democratic, Liberal and Independent parties, has been formed, under the premiership of Gen. Abel Hillopolito, succeeding the cabinet of Premier Alvaro Xavier de Castro, which held office only a little more than a week.

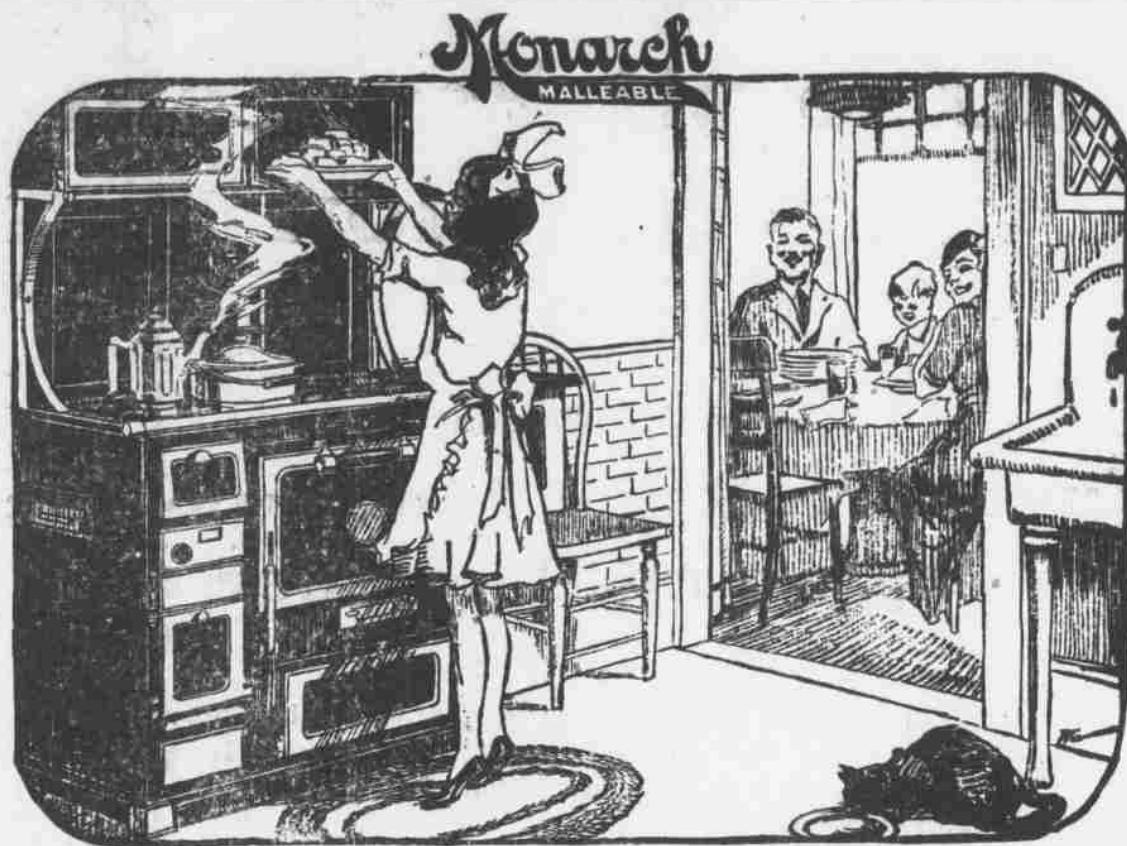
The Moscow government has notified Mustapha Kemal Pasha, leader of the Turkish Nationalists, that it would regard a further Turkish advance into Armenia as a cause for war. The message, it says, was sent as a consequence of the change in the government of Armenia.

The Italian chamber of deputies has approved the Treaty of Rapallo regarding the Adriatic problem by a vote of 221 to 12. Forty-two deputies abstained from voting.

One hundred eminent persons, among them Crown Princess Cecile, Prince Eitel Frederich, Prince August Wilhelm, the late Prince Joachim, Count Radolin and Princess Wanda Radziwill, have smuggled to Holland money aggregating 1/4 million marks, asserted Hermann Mueller, German ex-chancellor, in the reichstag.

Sinn Fein has carried the Irish war into the industrial heart of England with an outbreak of arson in Liverpool. Twelve warehouses, stocked with cotton and other materials, and several lumber yards, were set on fire simultaneously. A policeman was shot dead as he tried to arrest a man running from one of the burning buildings.

Ex-King Constantine of Greece has officially notified England, France and Italy that he plans no change in the foreign policy of Greece.



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